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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 27, 2001

In response to the office action mailed November 27, 2001 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Replace the original Sequence Listing with the substitute Sequence Listing filed herewith.

In the claims:

Amend claims 1, 4, 5, 9, and 11-14 as follows:

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Claim 1. (Amended) A Lac shuttle vector, comprising:

(a) a region which regulates a plasmid copy number, wherein said region comprises an E.coli replication origin sequence;

(b) a eukaryotic gene expression cassette, which comprises a eukaryotic gene transcriptional promoter sequence, a multiple cloning site and a transcriptional terminator sequence, wherein a desired gene is inserted into said multiple cloning site;

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